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1. The responsibilities of the Map Library are the development and maintenance of an intelligence map library together with related cartographical publications, and the coordination of a world-wide map procurement and cartographic reporting program on behalf of the mapping agencies of the government.

2. The collections of the Map Library include a Reference Map Collection, for loan purposes; a Distribution Collection, with maps available to requesters on a retention basis; a Stock Collection, consisting of multiple copies of maps produced by the Cartography Division; an Air Targets Materials Collection, with maps and textual materials; an atlas and gazetteer collection; and a supporting collection of geographic working volumes for use in procurement and processing activities. The Reference collection is the largest and most complete collection of special subject maps for intelligence purposes in existence.

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[REDACTED] Maps procured during the past five years are as follows:

	<u>Sino-SovBloc</u>	<u>Non-Bloc</u>	<u>Totals</u>
1956	1,843	47,875	49,718
1957	2,411	48,365	50,776
1958	2,106	65,479	67,585
1959	2,499	70,280	72,779
1960	2,561	60,534	63,035

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While the numbers procured vary from year to year, depending on [REDACTED] rate of map production, and other related factors, in general it is considered that the figures represent a near-complete collection of available maps. The only problem area is Africa, and efforts are currently under way to [REDACTED]

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4. The topographic maps of the Sino-SovBloc are not available through this overt collection program. [REDACTED]

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5. In the last three years the Map Library has, within the framework of its existing TO, established a new Branch, the Special Collection Support Branch, and staffed it with six persons. This was achieved through decreases in the staffing patterns of the Procurement and Processing Branches. This new Branch has a coordinating responsibility in the mapping community of the government [REDACTED]

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6. The Reference Branch, operating with the same number of positions since 1955, has had a considerable expansion of services. The following statistics reveal a 64% increase in requests handled and a 155% increase in total items offered in response to these requests:

	<u>Total Requests</u>	<u>Total Maps and Publications Provided in Response to Requests</u>
1955	15,353	192,995
1956	16,675	237,659
1957	19,936	267,121
1958	21,969	355,417
1959	23,281	332,555
1960	24,086	406,279
1961	25,273 (projected) (last quarter)	492,901 (projected) (last quarter)

7. In addition to the "Weekly Acquisitions List of Maps of Foreign Areas" and the "Monthly Acquisitions List of Maps of Foreign Areas", the Map Library has undertaken in 1961 the publication of a new list, "Acquisitions List of Antarctic Cartographic Materials." Two issues appeared in the last eight months.

8. In 1955, the Map Library had a total of 48 authorized positions.

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At the present time there are 51 authorized positions in the Map Library. The transfer of a four-person Information Control Section from the Office of the Chief, G.R.A., in 1959, accounts for the increase. Actually, in 1961, a heavier work-load is being carried, by the Reference Branch, and a whole new function has been added in the clandestine support activity, and the substantively involved people number only 47, one position less than in 1955.

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